REMARKS

Applicant notes that the copy of the PTO-1449 form that was returned with the final Office action was not initialed by the Examiner. Applicant requests that a copy of an initialed PTO-1449 form be sent, as evidence that the Examiner has considered each listed item.

Claims 1–21 are pending. Claims 1, 4, 10, 11, and 12 are currently amended. Claims 1–21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 5,828,674 to Proskauer ("Proskauer").

Applicant traverses the rejections.

While each of the originally-filed independent claims (i.e., claim 1 and claim 12) are both novel and nonobvious over Proskauer (and each in fact does include creation language in both the preamble and the body), Applicant has amended these two claims in an attempt to make perhaps clearer to the Examiner this fact. The Examiner's comment on page 4 of the final action that Applicant previously "argued that Proskauer does not teach ActiveX control" is clearly a mischaracterization of what Applicant actually wrote in the prior response. Applicant was simply pointing out that an ActiveX control is one example (from Applicant's originally-filed specification) of the real-time interactive control and communication software objects recited in claims 1 and 12. Also, Applicant clearly stated in the prior response that "Proskauer describes using ActiveX controls". The Examiner is requested to read the prior response again.

While Proskauer describes using ActiveX controls, Proskauer only describes using them after they are created. Proskauer does not teach or suggest any particular method for creating the controls. Proskauer just states that ActiveX controls "are written in Visual Basic" (Col. 3, ln 25). Instead, the controls used in Proskauer are provided in a library (Col. 2, lines 55–56). Proskauer describes creating a semiconductor testing system as follows:

[T]here needs to be a variety of windows available that the operator may bring up
on his display depending on the test to be performed. To create these windows
the programmer can "drag and drop" controls from a library of ActiveX controls
onto the operator window.

Proskauer at col. 4, lines 29-33.

The Examiner points to column 3 and column 4 of Proskauer as supposedly disclosing

the creation language recited in originally-filed and now amended claims 1 and 12, but a careful

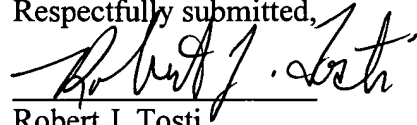read of Proskauer shows that Proskauer does not disclose it.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn and that all pending claims (1–21) be allowed in due course.

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